

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

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FEATURE: THE ECONOMICS OF FIRST DAY COMPLETE

SOCIAL SCIENCE MAJORS SUBSIDIZING THE BOOKS OF HUMANITIES AND NATURAL SCIENCE MAJORS

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It's a new year on campus, and for a college that prides itself on its long traditions, a lot of things have changed. The food service provider has changed, bringing with it surprisingly tolerable food. Pauley Science Center is finally open to classes. I remember as a freshman having a class in Bagby hall, the old building that was torn down to make room for Pauley. And the college bookstore has been taken over by Barnes & Noble. This is the bookstore's first year on campus, so there will obviously be a learning curve with the ordering and distribution of the textbooks. Diana Throckmorton, the store manager of the bookstore,



said, "We had our hiccups, but that is how things usually go the first year." She stated, "We have started processing books later than we typically would, so in the future, students will be getting their books at least a few weeks before classes." There is also some confusion about buying or renting books. It appears that books can only be rented at the moment, but Ms. Throckmorton said

that students will have the option to buy any books that they desire at the end of the semester. Issues with the operation of the bookstore should be papered out as the bookstore learns how to operate on this campus. The issue at hand, however, is how much does the bookstore cost the students. A substitute for the college bookstore is asking the professors what books that are re-

quired. Determining which option is cheaper is the purpose of this article. Hampden-Sydney uses the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) to determine how much to raise tuition every year to match the increases in inflation. The raise in general tuition from last year is roughly 2.5%. When I talked to Kenneth Copeland in the Business Office, he told me that the cost

of the bookstore was included in this 2.5% increase. He stated that the 2.5% increase was going to happen regardless of whether the Barnes & Noble took over the bookstore or not, so the bookstore does not add any extra fee to tuition. Mr. Copeland discussed the reasoning for the new bookstore; "The decision to outsource the bookstore was largely a question of personnel and logistics. Having a third party . . . [leaves] some of the ancillary services . . . to corporate professional who concentrate in these areas." However, anyone who has taken Econ 101 knows that there is no such thing as a free lunch. The inclusion of the new bookstore in the annual price increase for the college means the exclusion of some other service that the college could have provided.

I got the impression that the 2.5% increase in tuition was due to Hampden-Sydney using the HEPI, which is an inflation index. But if the 2.5% increase is supposed to merely reflect the change in the value of money, then why is a service being included in this 2.5% increase? The college including the cost of the bookstore in the 2.5% increase in tuition makes it harder to evaluate what exactly it is costing students. My concern is that the school is dispersing the costs of the bookstore so those who primarily bear it would not find it in their interest to raise a protest against it. Unfortunately for the college, the marginal cost of my time is effectively zero. Consider Table 1, textbook_cost Cheap and textbook_expensive

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COFFEE AND COLLEGIALITY AT THE TIGER INN

PRESIDENT STIMPert HOSTS COFFEE AND PASTRIES ON TUESDAYS



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Last Tuesday, August 23rd, saw the inaugural Coffee in Common event at the Tiger Inn in Brown Student Center. Attending were many members of Hampden-Sydney faculty, including President Stimpert, and a few students. Pastries and coffee were provided. The hour and fifteen minutes of Coffee and Collegiality will return every Tuesday morning throughout the school year, giving faculty and students a brief respite to relax and mingle as their week begins. The Tiger Inn was laid-back and convivial at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, August

30th—the second iteration of Coffee in Common. Students came in first, sampling pastries and coffee, followed by faculty members discussing the day ahead. The resulting atmosphere was comfortable and conducive to conversation; in fact, these Coffee in Common events are a part of Hampden-Sydney administration's recent initiative of increased focus on community and brotherhood at the College. "We were always interested in how we can bring the campus community closer together," says President Stimpert, "We started with Friday afternoon Happy Hour type of things at the Tiger Inn, and they

were pretty well attended, but Friday afternoon could be tough for faculty and staff... Cameron (Cary) had the idea, let's do something during the day." The resulting weekly event is open to all. Students are invited and encouraged to come and better their relationship with their peers and professors over complimentary refreshments. The event is founded on a solid precedent, too, in regard to its popularity and fate as a Hampden-Sydney tradition: "Elon College does this..." the President added in an interview, "They've done it for decades and once a week they have coffee and it's a tradition there." And there's

no worry if next week's event doesn't fit every schedule; there's every indication that Coffee in Common is here to stay. The new weekly addition to some faculty and students' schedules provides a place and time for repose and conversation, welcome as the week begins to accelerate. All are welcome on Tuesday mornings at the Tiger Inn from 8:15 to 9:30, to partake in what will hopefully become a new Hampden-Sydney staple: "I really hope it will just build from there and become a tradition," added President Stimpert, "It's never too late to start new traditions."

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE: COLLEGE BEGINS 251ST ACADEMIC YEAR

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Welcome back Tigers (officially)! Last Monday The College hosted the 2022 Opening Convocation on Venable Lawn for all students and faculty. This year's opening convocation brought in all freshmen, faculty, and this year's senior class to celebrate the start of the academic year. Multiple athletic teams were also in attendance to support their senior fellows who are nine months away from graduation. Since I have been a freshman, the Opening Convocation has kept a similar format. We opened with the National Anthem sung by the Hampden-Sydney Student Choir, led by Dr. von Rueden. After the National Anthem, Pastor Leach led the group in prayer, which was shortly followed by the swearing in of Student Government Officers. The Student Government Executives, Senate, Honor

Court, and College Activities Council (CAC) were all sworn in in front of their fellow students, and they will begin serving the Student Government starting this year. After the swearing in of student officers, multiple leaders on this campus offered several remarks: Dean of Students Richard M. Pantele '13, Student Body President Loyal T. Grimes '23, Andrew Parker '23, and President Larry Stimpert. Dean Pantele spoke of how hard the faculty work to make the Hampden-Sydney experience very unique and personal. Near the end of his speech, Dean Pantele left the students a theme for the academic year: "Become a man of consequence, someone who uses the knowledge gained through his experience at Hampden-Sydney to better his own life and the lives of others." President Grimes focused on the "most unique aspect

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CONVOCATION,
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of Hampden-Sydney...”, which is “the strength and genuine nature of our Brotherhood.” He stated that our Brotherhood “drives us to be better, to be methodical, and to be caring to others. By strengthening the bonds between each other, regardless of race, regardless of gender, regardless of religion, regardless of sexuality, we have the potential to become the Good Men and Good Citizens we were promised to be. It all starts by going forward and growing together.”

Following the stirring speech from the Student Body President, Andrew Parker read several passages of scripture to set the theme for President Stimpert’s speech. President Stimpert spoke about the responsibility that Hampden-Sydney men have to each other and to the world, to “let our collective light shine, that we may see our good works.” He also spoke about having a high purpose, for “a purpose is an essential part of being a good man and a good citizen.” Along with the important remarks from our leaders, convocation awards were given out to several students who excel academically and through extracurriculars. To round

out Opening Convocation, all faculty and students stood up to sing The College hymn and was followed by a closing prayer from Pastor Leach.

Although Opening Convocation is a great way to start off the year, I could not help but notice that there were a lot of empty seats in the back. It seemed as if many sophomores and juniors did not attend, and if they did attend it was because they were with an athletic team supporting their fellow freshmen and seniors or they were with Student Government. Because of this, I went around and asked some sophomores and juniors why they did not show up to convocation. The two most common responses were “it seems boring” and “the timing was inconvenient”. I believe the club fair being moved to another day and not right after convocation had an impact on attendance. In general, I hope that more students can show up in the future or that The College can find a way to incentivize students to come to this important opening ceremony. Regardless, I hope that all Hampden-Sydney brothers have a fun and rewarding year.

BOOKSTORE, CONT'D

are the variables for the average student regardless of discipline; social_sciences_... considers the average social science student; humanities_... considers the average humanities student; and natural_sciences_... considers the average natural science student.

I asked 15 students—five from the humanities, five from the social sciences, and five from the natural sciences—their course numbers. I looked up each student’s required reading. I then did a quick search for these books to see what prices that I could get them for on Amazon. I looked for books in two different ways. The first way, I looked for the cheapest deals that I could get. The second way, I looked for more expensive deals on books that a student might want to buy. I then calculated the average price for Hampden-Sydney students overall and then for each department. The table shows a range of average costs for textbooks. For example, the average social science student has textbook costs from \$142.53 to \$214.87.

I interviewed Dr. Hight, one of the philosophy professors here, and he said, “Normally, what I do is I identify the books that I want. I give the ISBNs to my students in advance, and then I allow them to secure them on their own because . . . very typically in my discipline they can get those books relatively inexpensively. Then they get to choose whether or not they want to purchase those books, under what circumstances, which editions, and whether or not they

TABLE 1	Mean	Std.Dev	Min	Median	Max
textbook_cost_cheap	160	60.6	64.1	151	266
textbook_expensive	245	59.0	131.8	241	330
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social_sciences_expensive	215	33.9	160.4	226	242
humanities_cheap	173	77.4	64.1	181	266
humanities_expensive	251	82.6	131.8	278	330
natural_sciences_cheap	165	65.3	77.8	151	256
natural_sciences_expensive	269	48.0	214.5	274	326

want to rent from a larger outlet like a Barnes & Noble. The onus is placed upon the students, but they get to economize as they please. Students don’t have that same choice [to economize] under the current system because they pay a fee regardless of the books they get.” However, Dr. Hight is unsure whether the new bookstore is good or bad for students. “It could be that the bookstore is good for students overall.”

Dianna Throckmorton says that the college bookstore receives all the textbooks assigned to each class from the professors, collects the books, and charges the students the average cost of these textbooks. From the table we see that the social sciences’ average cost is lower than the average cost for all Hampden-Sydney students, and that the humanities’ and natural sciences’ average cost is higher than the average cost for all Hampden-Sydney students. The 245th gradutaing class for Hampden-Sydney, year of ‘21, had a class size of 212. The major distribution for that class was 49 primary natural science majors, 34 primary humanities majors, and 126 social science majors. If the year of ‘21 is somewhat representative of our current student body, then more than half of the current students are paying less than the average student

for textbooks. If the college bookstore fee is based on the average student’s costs for textbooks, then a majority of students are paying more for textbooks than they otherwise would have. Social science students might be subsidizing the textbooks for humanities and natural science students.

I do not know how much the bookstore costs for every student. All I know is that the fee for the bookstore is included in the 2.5% increase in tuition for this year. That 2.5% increase amounts to \$792 per semester. One number I hear thrown around a lot is \$250 for the bookstore fee. I do not know where this number came from or if it is even true, but let us accept it for the sake of argument. This \$250 amount is higher than the average costs for textbooks for every discipline and the student body generally when the cheapest textbooks are bought. However, this \$250 amount is closer to the more expensive provision of textbooks of \$245 when I sought textbooks that were in better condition and that I bought instead of rented. Now \$250 is about 31.566% of the 2.5% increase in tuition. The percentage indicated by Kenneth Copeland suggested that the fee was not a substantial part of the increase. The cheap average cost for textbooks is \$160, which would constitute 20.202%

of the 2.5% increase.

The data collected are certainly not robust enough to draw any conclusions on the bookstore as of now, but these data provide evidence to support my initial intuition that the benefits of the bookstore are concentrated in the natural sciences and humanities. Now it could be the case that this bookstore, while costing some and benefiting others, is still a net gain for the student body (and a more rigorous investigation is necessary to discern this), but I ask every reader, particularly the students, two questions: Do you think that the college can spend money for your sake better than you yourself could, and do you think that you are getting your money’s worth with the new bookstore system? Hampden-Sydney is a unique place because the students actually hold some power in the decision-making of the college. Consider that this year we got a new dining service (thanks in no small part to certain students who persistently pushed for change).

If you have any questions about the data that I used for this article, please email me, David Crego, at cregod23@hsc.edu, and I can send you the excel file with my recorded stats and the .Rmd file that I did my calculations and descriptive statistics in.

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Cartoon



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NEWS

SURVEY: HAS MERIWEATHER-GODSEY IMPROVED DINING SERVICES?

Procedure: An email was sent out to students@hsc.edu asking students to answer two questions regarding the quality of the new dining services. Table 1 records the 223 responses to the question “Do you think that Pannill Commons is better this year than last? How would you rate the Commons?” Table 2 records the 215 responses to the question “Do you think that The Tiger Inn is better this year than last? How would you rate The Tiger Inn?” The response rate is about 30% of the student body.

TABLE 1

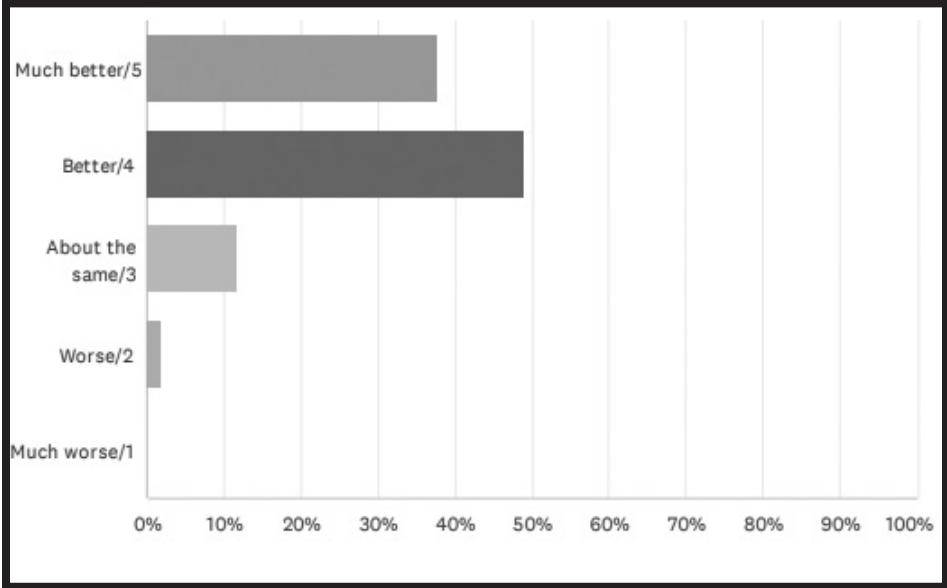
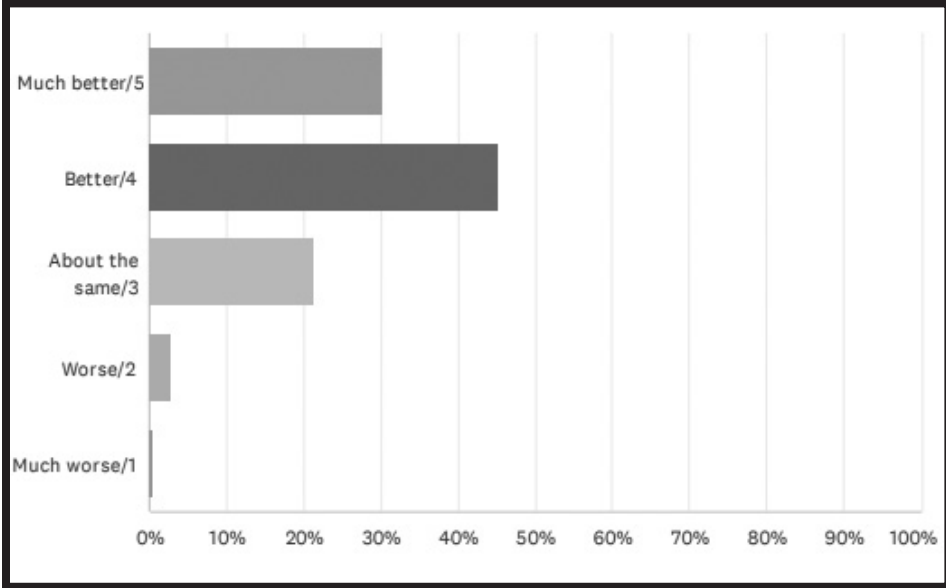


TABLE 2



CHANGES TO THE KEY GO TO REFERENDUM
The Key

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On Wednesday, August 24, the Student Senate passed Chairman Noah Moore’s bill entitled “Updating the Key: A Comprehensive Update Based on Previously Passed Legislation.” This three-page bill intends to update the Key with Senate legislation that is in effect but has not yet been printed in a physical copy of the Key, as well as clarifying ambiguous terms within the Key. The bill has yet to be voted upon by the Student Body. Copies of this bill will soon be sent via email to each and every student of Hampden-Sydney College for approval or rejection. This article seeks only to provide the everyday student with the information necessary to make an informed decision upon the matter at hand.

First on the agenda is a general description of the updates themselves and who the updates affect. These updates address several different issues regarding both the Student Senate and the Student Body, issues ranging from clarifying ambiguous portions of the Student Constitution to removing fines for the first

fire inspection of the semester. These updates affect not only Student Government, with the addition of the position of Vice-Chairman, but they also affect student clubs, with the addition of new requirements for active status that club presidents should really have a look at. These updates affect everyone on campus; therefore, they should be reviewed thoroughly when they become available.

One may ask, “Why are all these updates necessary? Could a few vague words cause real trouble for us?” This reporter was lucky enough to obtain a detailed example from Senate Chairman Noah Moore that illustrates just how important clarifying the language in the Key is. “The way we do elections here,” he said, “is that the Chairman of the Student Senate, a previous Senator who is usually a senior, is elected by the Senate before general elections for the Student Senate. Then, the Chairman is announced with the other winners of the general election.” This brings to mind the practice of electing the President before general elections for Congress. And this method works pret-

ty well... except for one instance. According to Moore, only a few years ago, the ballot-counter for Student Senate elections, who shall remain nameless, made a mistake. Instead of including the Chairman in the general elections, the ballot-counter omitted him, allowing an additional student to be elected from his class. This presented the student government with a problem. As Moore related, allowing this man on the Senate would cause it to grow, something which is not permitted by the Constitution. However, due to the Constitution’s vague wording, the Senate of years past was able to increase its size. Moore stated that the objective of his bill was to prevent mishaps like this from occurring again by clarifying the language of the Key.

When asked about his reasons for coming up with the bill, Noah Moore responded that “students have a right to know what is going on at this College, and the Key is how they know that.” “Therefore,” he concluded, “the Key should completely and accurately reflect how this College works.”

A TRASHY SITUATION:
No More GARBAGE SERVICE AT THE GROVES

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Trash cans are something that many of us take for granted. Whether it be in a city, a park, or even here at Hampden-Syd-

ney we hardly take the time to notice such a simple thing as the humble trash can. Many upperclassmen staying at the prestigious Grove dormitories have finally noticed the trash cans, or rather the absence of trash cans. Upperclassmen returning for the 2023 academic year have noticed a surprising drop in the number of trash cans available at the Groves. In previous years every dorm at the Grove had its own 60-gallon trash can and was regularly emptied by the ever-vigilant housekeeping staff. This was a luxury that those staying at the Groves enjoyed and began to take for granted, at least until this year. The housekeeping staff

that works day and night to keep our campus and dormitories beautiful has fewer staff than in previous years. With fewer staff working this year some changes had to be made in order to compensate for the smaller workforce, and one of the first things to go was the ubiquitous trash cans. While emptying one trash can may seem insignificant to us, regularly emptying hundreds of trash cans requires an army of dedicated workers. With less workers this year, Facilities has had to cut down on the number of trash cans around the Groves. This, however, is not the only reason as to why so many trash cans were removed. The big, 60-gallon trash cans posed a fire hazard. Paper, cardboard, food, and a myriad of other flammable items are all regularly tossed into the trash cans, and all it takes is one spark to touch off an inferno. With



Some miss the convenience of not having to worry about trash, but others have begun embracing it. In an interview with Trey Grimes, a resident at the Groves and Student Body President, he said, “I definitely miss the trash service, but it’s on us to be more mature and help them out when they can’t help us.” (them being the housekeeping staff). It is also the duty of Hampden-Sydney to instill such virtues of stewardship into the young men who attend our college. Such a simple task has led to the students of the Groves getting a more hands-on experience of what it means to be good men, good citizens, and good neighbors.

LIFE

HAGER EATS:
FARMVILLE FOOD AND DRINK

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Yesterday I went out to Big Daddy’s Saloon and Tap-house with Daniel Nivens ‘24. Big Daddy’s isn’t easy to find at first. In fact, to most passersby, it probably looks like a gas station. The exterior of the building is unassuming, but the inside is a different story. The first thing you notice when you walk in is the massive bar in the back; the second thing you notice is the Zach Bryan or Tyler Childers song playing over the radio; and the third thing you notice is Big Daddy himself standing behind the bar. He welcomed us and took our order with his usual friendly, sarcastic banter, and when he asked us how we wanted the ravioli, I said “hot.” Big Daddy looked at his associate Mike (who was busy laughing behind the bar) and said “oh they’ll be hot.” While we waited on our food, I got a Devil’s Backbone O’Fest, a medium-bodied lager that did not disappoint. I’d like to say more about the O’Fest, but unfortunately I don’t remember much about

it because I was so focused on my second beer: Three Notch’d Lake Life. I’m not going to pretend to be a beer connoisseur, but I’m going to do my best to describe it. This beer was fruity, and while I usually don’t like fruity drinks, I actually really enjoyed it. It tasted of mango and peach, and although it didn’t necessarily remind me of “lake life,” I think I’d drink it anywhere, lake or no lake. As we talked with Big Daddy, our food finally came out. Mike walked over from the kitchen and threw an appetizer basket down on the table with a mere two ravioli sitting in the bottom. “Well, I guess as long as they’re hot” I said. Of course, Mike then brought back a full basket of ravioli, laughing the entire time. As funny as it was, Daniel and I didn’t spare any time to laugh and instead opted to start on the food. We got the jalapeno cheddar ravioli, and it was fantastic. No complaints from me. As our main meals, Daniel got the shrimp po-boy and I got the kickin’ bourbon wings. It wasn’t the first time I’ve had Big Daddy’s wings, and I’m sure it won’t be the last; they

were a perfect mix of sweet and savory that still make my mouth water when I think about it. As for the po-boy, Daniel handed me a piece of breaded shrimp without a word so I knew I’d enjoy it before it had even hit my taste buds, and I was right. All in all, it was a great meal. In case you couldn’t already tell, Big Daddy is a talker (and a good one at that). But when he isn’t talking smack, he talks business; I’ve spoken to him in the past about how to run a successful bar, and he told me it starts with the food. “If you serve good food, people will keep coming back.” True enough. “And it’s a good thing we serve good food, because we treat our customers like crap,” he said with a laugh. But if you look around the bar, you’ll notice a lot of very American memorabilia. Big Daddy is a patriot through and through, and most of the times I’ve been in there, he’s made a point to talk about the importance and significance of our country and the rights and freedoms we’ve been afforded by our forefathers. When we were finally ready to leave, we had to split the check; I joked

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“SOMETHING IN THE BLACK AND WHITE”
A LOOK AT ZACH BRYAN’S
AMERICAN HEARTBREAK

ADAM BRAZIL '24
STAFF COLUMNIST

Zach Bryan took the country music world by storm when he released 43 songs this summer—34 in *American Heartbreak* (May, LP) and 9 in *Summertime Blues* (July, EP). He was known before this summer, but now, in the fall of 2022, he could be the most popular artist on Hampden-Sydney’s campus... and Longwood’s too. His appeal is obvious— he’s a youthful Navy veteran with the voice of Tyler Childers and the mind of a poet. This week’s album review follows Zach Bryan’s *American Heartbreak*. When listening to *American Heartbreak*, you feel like you’re watching a soft sunrise, or sitting by a crackling campfire at midnight, or watching a river flow seamlessly through a valley. You may see layers of berry blue mountains fading with the distance. You might think of a glass of whiskey, an acoustic guitar, or a road-trip through the American countryside. Bryan’s songwriting— along with his use of the banjo, the guitar, the harmonica, and his raspy voice— paints an array of vivid

images, memories, and dreamscapes for the listener. For most of the summer, I listened to the album for these reasons. It’s peaceful, soothing, and sonically pleasing. For example, in the song “From Austin,” Zach sings, “Remember north-west mountains, they were snow capped in June / You were napping on my arms on a Sunday afternoon.” It’s hard to imagine a more comforting songwriter than Zach Bryan. In the album’s opening song, “Late July,” Bryan sings, “Sleeping in while rain falls on the roof... / I hope your sunsets always bleed red / And your family’s always well fed / And the song stuck in your head it plays all night.” Personifying a sunset as “bleeding red” is brilliant and powerful, while the following line shows the love he has for his ex-girlfriends’ family even after the relationship. Again, Zach Bryan brings simple and effective descriptions into play on the 22nd song of *American Heartbreak*, “The Good I’ll Do.” He writes, “The way the grass smells at night / And you got flames all in your eyes / As they reflect the sparkler / And

you say we’ll never die.” He continues, “Well it’s blue jeans in the driveway / And you’re walking inside sideways / The wine always affects you in beautiful, kind ways.” Blue jeans, grass, night time, alcohol, and a sparkler all signify a 4th of July celebration between Zach, a partner, friends, and family. But wait, there’s more. On “Someday (Maggie’s),” Zach pictures a hopeful future for himself when he sings, “Someday I will lie under blue skies in a hay field that holds me like home” and “Someday I’ll call up my old friends and we’ll catch up / With too many beers / Pull an all-nighter, sitting around fire / For the first time in so many years.” I could go on and on about the imagery in this album, the lyricism, Bryan’s voice, the instruments’ impact, and the way the album blurs the lines between country, indie, Americana, rock, folk, and singer/songwriter genres. The lyricism in *American Heartbreak* is about so much more than just the imagery, the comfort, and the dreamscapes; it’s about telling

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No More STRIPE-STRIFE-GARAMOND
A CALL FOR A NEW HAMPDEN-SYDNEY FLAG

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CARTOONIST

Gentlemen, we have to face it. Hampden-Sydney’s flag could stand to be improved. As it stands right now, the flag flying outside of Pauley Science Center is utterly forgettable. Now, one might point out, and not unfairly, that the shortcomings of a flag no one pays a second thought to is hardly a pressing concern for the college. But that’s the point: Hampden-Sydney is represented by a forgettable flag that no one pays attention to. In fact, I’d wager that most members of the Hampden-Sydney community would be unable to describe the college’s flag from memo-

ry, assuming they recalled its existence to begin with. White bedsheet, grey stripe, garnet stripe, modified Garamond font... Really? H a m p - den-Sydney is a unique institution, and it deserves to be represented by distinctive symbols. A good flag should be

simple, eye-catching, and contain meaningful symbolism. The current flag may be simple, but the name of the school on white with the school colors tossed in as an afterthought is hardly meaningful symbolism. What makes the flag issue so vexing is that there are obvious

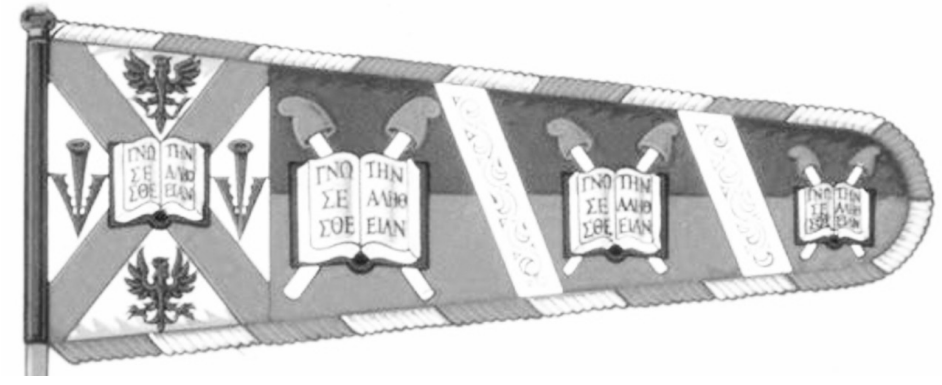
alternatives. As the entire student body is doubtlessly familiar, Hampden-Sydney can boast a coat of arms. The arms of Hampden-Sydney are a simple but effective combination of the arms of John Hampden and Algernon Sydney. These two men played key roles in ushering in a period of republicanism in England and the British Isles. When our college was established, the Thirteen Colonies were on the eve of fighting for their own

republican experiment. Honoring two martyrs of British republicanism was meaningful symbolism. The college could simply print a rectangular shaped version of our coat of arms on a flag and we would have a simple, distinctive, and meaningful symbol of the college. But there is an even better option. When Hampden-Sydney was granted a coat of arms by the London College of Arms, we also had a special heraldic flag,

called a standard, designed. This standard contains the familiar “X”-eagle-eagle-pheon-pheon of the college arms, three open books bearing our Greek motto: “Ye Shall Know The Truth” and Phrygian caps— which became symbols of freedom and republicanism in the American Revolution. W o u l d n ’ t you rather have that flag flying by the entrance to Via Sacra instead of stripe-stripe-Garamond?



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SPORTS

ELEPHANTS, AND TIGERS, AND BUCKEYES —OH MY!
AP RELEASES CFB TOP 25 RANKINGS

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Summer is almost over and fall is upon us. Along with the cool weather comes the return of packed stadiums and screaming fans in the sport of college football. This year in the College Football (CFB) world there are a number of things that any fan should be excited about, including the return of old rivalries, new teams competing for the title, and a top 5 matchup in week 1. *The Associated Press* released their top 25 teams for week 0 which has some new and some old faces sitting in the top positions this year. Almost everyone agreed before the season that Alabama would be ranked number one in the preseason poll despite their loss in the National Championship to Georgia. Nick Saban is a man that nobody is able to count out regardless of the situation due to his ability to recruit, coach, and game-plan. Helping place Alabama at the number one spot is reigning Heisman winner Bryce Young. The third-year quarterback is looking to finish the job this year after he described the prior season as a failure despite his monstrous numbers and Heisman trophy. On the other side of the ball on the Bama defense is arguably the best player in college football Will Anderson Jr. Many scouts have viewed him as the most NFL-ready prospect after a he took over last year recording numbers that were better than Heisman finalist Aiden Hutchinson. The Tide won't be an easy force to match-up against regardless of who they play. Coming in at number 2 in the *Associated Press* Top 25 sits the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Buckeyes are coming

off of a Rose Bowl victory which head coach Ryan Day said was not good enough for the standard that Ohio State holds. Ohio State has arguably one of the greatest offensive trios that the CFB world has ever seen in QB C.J. Stroud, RB TreVeyon Henderson, and WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba. Each of these three players had tremendous seasons last year, which gave the Buckeyes the highest scoring offense in the nation. Each of these three players has very high expectations for the year under the extremely creative offensive mind of Ryan Day. The only problem that the Buckeyes faced last year was the lack of defense, which was resolved in the off-season when Ryan Day went out and hired Jim Knowles who had a top 5 defense while he was the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State. In recent interviews, it seems that he is more confident than ever in his defense and is ready for the challenge. Returning this year with a national championship from last season, the Georgia Bulldogs are placed at number 3 in the top 25. After having one of the greatest defenses of all time last year, the Bulldogs seemed to have reloaded in that category through recruiting. Kirby Smart has put together a fantastic recruiting class the past 3 years, and it seems to finally be paying off. With fan favorite quarterback Stetson Bennett returning with the most confidence that he seems to have ever had, these Bulldogs are going to be one hard team to knock off. However, when a team comes in as the former champion, there is an immediate target on its back. Don't think for a second that every team in America isn't

looking to knock off the champs. Surprisingly at number 4 are the Clemson Tigers. The Tigers have been a juggernaut in recent years, but last season they had a below average season in the weaker ACC while also missing the conference championship entirely. Despite all of this, Dabo Swinney has emerged as an excellent player developer and recruiter. These two qualities of Dabo have given Clemson fans something to look forward to this season along with a loaded quarterback room with D.J. Uiagalelei and Cade Klubnik. The two will battle it out for a spot to determine who will lead the Tigers offense. The main highlight for the Tigers is the defensive side of the ball. The enter the season with an absolutely loaded defense being led by preseason All-American Bryan Bresee on the defensive line. Clemson seems that they are looking to dominate on the defensive side of the ball all season long while having one of their two great QBs putting points up for the offense. Despite these teams being ranked at the top, there is no reason to count any teams out that are ranked out due to the amount of talent that is out there, whether it's the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, who seemed to have upgraded after Marcus Freeman took over as head coach, the Texas A&M Aggies, who recruited the greatest recruiting class ever under Jimbo Fisher, or the Oklahoma Sooners, who hired former Clemson defensive coordinate Brent Venables as their head coach. These teams and all of the others have a shot to make a name for themselves in the upcoming weekend when we finally have the return of CFB.

RUBINO REPORTS:
A LOOK AT THE NFL PRESEASON

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I don't know if any of you reading are big football fans, but I think this upcoming NFL season is shaping up to be fantastic. Some big off-season moves have put certain teams in a better position to win their conference and potentially the Super Bowl. Some of those specific teams and their big moves go as follows: **The Denver Broncos** The blockbuster trade of Russell Wilson to the Broncos, in my opinion, is huge for this organization. Even though the Broncos gave up a few resources (like their starting Tight End Noah Fant and stud Quarterback Drew Lock), the Broncos gained something so much more valuable. The dual-threat veteran in Russell Wilson is worth far more than the resources the Broncos spent. The already established wide receiver core the Broncos have is also vital in this trade and must not

be overlooked. Jerry Jeudy, Cortland Sutton, and Tim Patrick are just a few names of well-known receivers Russell Wilson now has in his back pocket. Let's not forget the Broncos already had a strong run game too with notable names like Javonte Williams and Melvin Gordon III. With this all in mind, the Bronco's offense has the potential to be elite this season. Since the Broncos were already known as a top-10 defense in the league, hopefully, this newly created offense (with the pinnacle addition of Russell Wilson) was the missing key to this organization's success. **The Los Angeles Chargers** Another notable trade was sending Khalil Mack to the Chargers. With the Chargers being already a top-5 offense in the league, making their defense stronger will only make them more of a Super Bowl-caliber team. As we have seen throughout the history of football: offense sells tickets,

but defense wins games. With that in mind, only time will tell if this Chargers defense truly does win games. **The Buffalo Bills** The Buffalo Bills added another superstar linebacker in Von Miller to their roster. The Bill's defense was already elite with notable linebackers like Tremaine Edmunds and Matt Milano. With a surplus of talent at multiple defensive positions we might see some new formations being utilized by this organization. Overall though the problem of having too much talent is a great issue to have. With a top-tier offense already, the Bills are looking to become one of the best if not the best team in the league all around. The anticipation building around this season is absurd. The first game of the NFL season is the Bills versus the Rams. That game happens to fall on a Thursday, September 8th so you better mark your calendars, I know I will!

TIGERBALL LOADING. . .
H-SC SOCCER TALKS PRESEASON

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If you thought your summer vacation was something to brag about, beware; our Men's Soccer Team can put you to shame with everything its been up to lately. The team spent eight days in Costa Rica in early August, where the squad trained and played with local clubs, watched professional games, and generally built team chemistry after a summer break apart before returning stateside and reporting to campus. Since then, the team hasn't taken their foot off the gas. The team helped to run its annual local youth soccer clinic on August 17th, and now has four preseason games completed prior to the start of regular season play. In this span of games, including some familiar ODAC opponents, the team has gone 2-1-1, and the Tigers are focused on getting locked-in and conditioned for the competitive season that lies ahead. I recently had the pleasure of chat-

ting with defender Ethan Farmer '24 and getting his thoughts on the trip abroad, preseason and the challenge of the new season that is looming right around the corner. *What was your favorite part about the Costa Rica trip?:* "My favorite part about the trip was trying all of the fresh exotic fruits available at the markets. The best team activity was definitely the white water rafting." *What's the most important thing for you during preseason?:* "The most important aspects of the preseason in my eyes are to get a feel for the new team, reach peak soccer conditioning and work to close in on the starting eleven that will bring Hampden-Sydney their first ODAC championship ring." *How is the team feeling headed into the new season?:* "The team is feeling very confident in their ability this season, especially with the luxury of depth that comes with having 33 guys on the roster, all of which are competing for starting roles. This is by far the most

depth and skill that this program has seen in recent years. Our new freshman class is a large and diverse group, which I believe will be the key part of our success this season." *Are there any personal goals for you for this season?:* "Personally, I want to help the college win its first soccer ODAC championship, and be a part of the first team All-ODAC starting eleven while doing so." The team was recently ranked #6 in the ODAC Preseason Poll, narrowly missing out on the #5 spot by just one point. After a 6-8-1 regular season record and a narrow quarterfinal loss in ODAC tournament play to #1 ranked and eventual semifinalists Washington and Lee in 2021, the Tigers are looking forward to kicking off their 2022 campaign with a home opener against Greensboro College on September 1st. Make sure to show out and help our boys start off the season with a win! *S p e c i a l thanks to Ethan Farmer '24 for his help with this article.*

HAGER EATS, CONT'D

and suggested that we just wanted to make it more difficult for them (as you do whenever you ask to split the check at a restaurant), to which Big Daddy responded "we can do it however you want." Thinking I was clever, I said "how about on the house?" Without

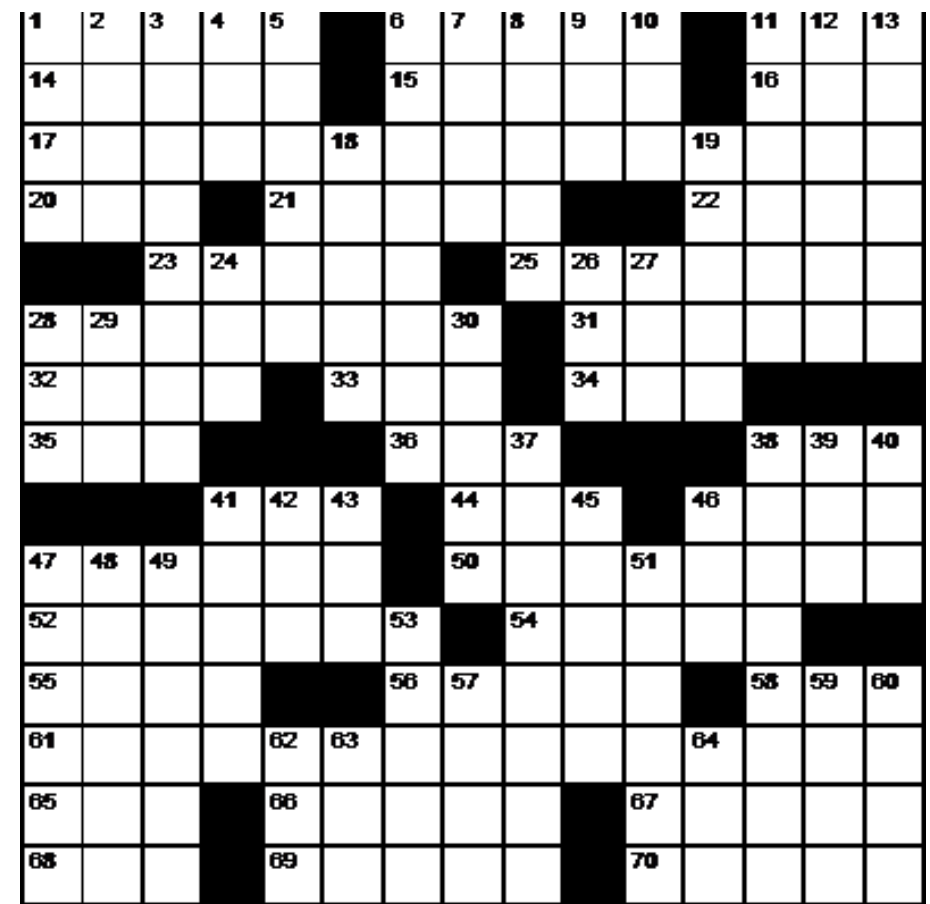
missing a beat, Big Daddy said "yeah we can throw you up on the house." This sent Daniel, Mike, and myself into yet another fit of laughter before we eventually settled down enough to pay the tab, talk for a few more minutes, and get back on the road to Sydney. Daniel Niv-

ens said this of the experience: "Big Daddy's is easily the most unique atmosphere in town with some of the best bar food. I particularly recommend the Jalapeño ched-dars fried ravioli and the shrimp po-boy." I couldn't have said it better myself. Daniel Niv-

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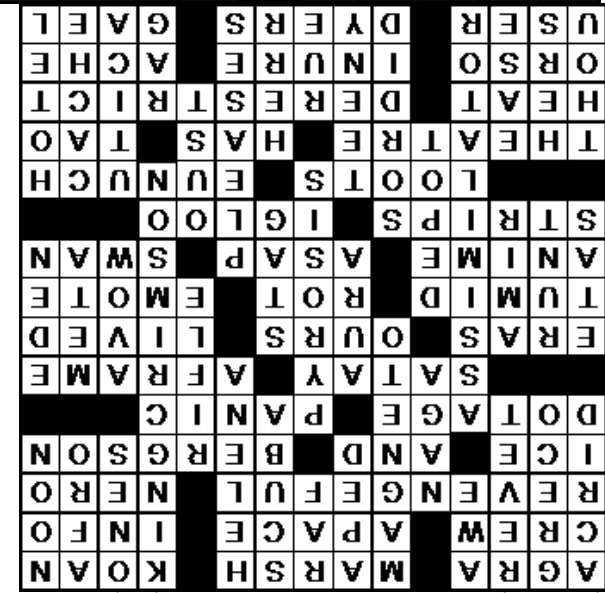
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CRUCIVERBALIST



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11. Final: Abbr.
14. Milky gems
15. What cones see
16. Opponent of Wade
17. Physics impossibility
20. Old Tokyo
21. Young horse
22. Tattoos
23. Overtake
25. Make milk
28. Out of fashion
31. Ashen look
32. Get what you give
33. Sawbones
34. Dolly, for one
35. Electric animal
36. Go bad
38. Fair folk
41. Common allergen
44. Flower Necklace
46. Mound
47. "Enough already!"
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54. Brownish gray
55. Disease cause
56. Fancy footwear
58. Rejections
61. Spielberg monster
65. Passports
66. Tin soldier's cap
67. Poets' feet



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69. Ultimate corruptor
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5. Practical
6. Michelangelo, for one
7. Flammable fossil
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12. Rely on
13. Not as relaxed
18. Clichéd
19. Dr. or Professor
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53. Scoffed exclamation
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63. Owl's question
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THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

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It's great to see Tigers return to H-SC with fire in their bellies. Follow these tips to capitalize on that new semester energy and set yourself up for an impressive GPA. **Level-up your Canvas calendar.** Not all professors publish assignment dates on their Canvas page. Check each syllabus to make sure assignments are on the calendar before you decide to rely on it. You can add your own events by double-clicking on the calendar. Not in

the habit of checking Canvas? You can export your Canvas calendar to most calendar apps by clicking "Calendar Feed" to the right of the calendar. **Get into a routine.** I know you don't have many written assignments yet. Go to your study place anyway. Get used to walking to the library after your 10:30 class instead of to your dorm. Print your readings and PowerPoint slides. Organize your calendar or planner. Read ahead. When [stuff] gets real you'll thank yourself. **Talk to your professors.** Like anyone

else, professors want to help people they know and like. Ask for advice to do well in the course. Tell them about your future plans. Go to office hours with specific questions from class. You'll still have to put in the work, but knowing your professor makes a jump-ball more likely to go your way when grades are due. Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. If your scholastic game is off, he can help you get on track. Email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.

CHRISTIAN'S CORNER

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My brothers and sisters of Hampden-Sydney, I am excited to voice that the Christian Corner this semester will not only be aimed at Christians but at people of all faiths, religious and non-religious. To do this, there must be something that everyone can agree on, and I believe that it is in this statement, "Life is hard." If you are a student or a member of the community at Hampden-Sydney, then you have probably experienced some form of stress, anxiety, depression, anger, jealousy, frustration, loneliness, or general hardship. In fact, if you are a human, then there is no doubt you have experienced something "bad" in your life. Over the course

of this semester, my friend David and I want to tackle how humans can live through an inevitably difficult life and still press on with contentment. Of course, this article is still under the Christian Corner because the only answer that has sustained us is God. Beyond general struggles everyone faces, we also want to take a stab at specific examples. Perhaps you failed a test, or your girlfriend broke up with you. Maybe you had a career ending injury your senior year, or you found out your dad has cancer. Whatever the situation, the question always becomes, "Why does it happen to me?" Furthermore, many people like to blame their problems on God or use their problems as a reason to not believe in God. Through reason, personal anecdotes, scripture, and

historical figures, we hope to answer the "why" questions you may have, and we hope that by the end of this semester you will see how Christianity carries me and David through life. Because we want others to be involved in this series of articles, we fully welcome anyone who wants to share personal stories of difficulty or unfairness. Times of trial are what bind us together. For privacy reasons, any shared testimonies will not involve names or identifying characteristics. My Hampden-Sydney community, I cordially invite you to join me and David as we stare evil in the face this semester. If you have questions or concerns, then feel free to contact us at mintonk25@hsc.edu and cregod23@hsc.edu. May God bless you.

AMERICAN HEARTBREAK, CONT'D

stories of average, struggling Americans. He tackles alcoholism, dementia, heartbreak in many forms—losing loved ones, losing oneself, and breakups. On "Open the Gate," Zach tells a story about a boy whose father died while riding a bull. This boy is determined to conquer the feats that his father never could. However, by the end of the song, we see that no one

is invincible as the boy, now a man, dies in the ring too. On "68 Fastback," Bryan compares himself to that of a beaten-up antique sports car. He explains, through metaphor of course, that his lover made him feel this way and that now it's up to him to put his pieces and parts back together. The album's final song, "This Road I Know," is a poem that Zach

wrote. His voice continues to ease the listener, as does the guitar strums in the background. It's the perfect ending to an epic, heart-breaking, adventurous triple album. And of course, "Something in the Orange (Z&E's Version)" is the best country song of the year and *American Heartbreak* could be the best country album of the year. 9.5/10

H-SC SLUDGE REPORT

A Report to the Arch-Sludger from the Interim Provost of Sludge Eo Tempore. (Jeffrey Hunsaker '23)
Hampden-Sydney Student Employees Enjoying Raise. Rajj Enjoying New Profits.

Greek Week Hangovers Beginning to Subside.

Library Staff Reminds Students that Bortz is not a Legitimate Dorm.

Pauley Science Center Opens. STEM Students Excited to Contaminate New Section of Campus.

Satirist Turns 21. Notable Quality Drop.

Dr. Hay's Contract Resembles Late Roman Empire: Holding On and Hoping.

TI Still not Serving Beer. Brewing Club Sees Major Jump in Membership.

Club Fair Rained Out. Astrology Club Claims They Saw it was Coming.

New Book Program Sets Students Up for Success with High-Quality Books by Midterms.

Despite Excellent New Management, Ice Cream Machine Still Broken in Moans.